

News Release

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8:00 am

Fire Information: 435-628-0773

Hours of operation: 7:30 am-10:00 pm



Firefighters work to surround Bull Complex

Firefighters will work today on all sides of the Bull Complex to construct fireline and secure existing lines. The fires are 30% contained as the Bull fire stands at 24,746 acres and the Cove Mountain fire at 18,825 acres for a total of 43,571 acres. Continued cooler weather has reduced fire activity, as a flash flood watch is in effect for the fire area today. Predicted full containment of the fires is July 7. Forty residences and 20 additional structures remain threatened.

The Gunlock State Park remains closed, though North Gunlock Road through the park is open.

Firefighters will work on constructing fireline on the northern perimeters of the fires. Existing firelines will be "mopped up" as firefighter's work to suppress any hot spots in the roots and in the ground that exist close to the firelines and outer perimeters of the fires. As firefighters suppress all remaining spots of heat that could threaten crossing the perimeter and firelines, the containment percentage is expected to increase.

Seventeen handcrews (10 Type 1, 7 Type 2), 32 engines, 4 helicopters (1 Type 1, 1 Type 2, 2 Type 3), 2 dozers, 3 watertenders and airtankers along with air reconnaissance planes are fighting the fire. 722 personnel are managing the Bull Complex and cost to date is \$2,400,000. Firefighters from 25 states, including Alaska and Vermont, are staffing the fires.

There will be a community fire information meeting Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm at the Latter Day Saints Chapel in Veyo. Fire managers from the Incident Management Team and cooperating agencies will be present to discuss work on the fires and answer questions. The public is invited to attend.

The United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, state of Utah and Washington County have road closures for the general public in the Bull Complex fire area due to ongoing fire activity and firefighting efforts. The general area encompasses USFS, BLM and state roads from the Crestline road between the Nevada state line and Enterprise on the north; Nevada/Utah border on the west to State Highway 18 south to Veyo, then the Veyo Gunlock road on the east end.

For more information, including road closure information, visit www.utahfireinfo.gov

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